

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are amended. By this Amendment, Claims 1 through 5 are presented for examination.

Claims 1 through 4 are rejected as allegedly anticipated by Knapp while Claim 5 is rejected as obvious in view of that reference. Applicant's attorney references the telephone conference with the Examiner of Friday, June 6, 2008. During that conference, the pending rejection of this application based upon the United States patent of Knapp was discussed. It was agreed at that time by the Examiner that this rejection would be overcome by an amendment to the claims clarifying that the term "seam" is intended where "perimeter" previously appeared. This amendment to the claims is made herein. (It should be noted that, in addition to the amendment of Claim 1, Claim 3 has also been amended for consistency.)


Claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are directed to a garment and includes, among other limitations, a pair of pant legs "each of said pant legs having an inner surface and an outer surface and including an outer seam and an inner seam" (emphasis added) and "at least one of said pant legs having an elongated aperture located adjacent said outer seam of a pant leg" (emphasis added). Such limitations clearly define the

essential structural (and result in functional) differences between the cited prior art and the claimed invention. Such differences clearly define apparatus that is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited art or any other art known to the Applicant.

Claims 6 through 12 were previously withdrawn in view of Applicant's election to pursue the species illustrated in Figures 2(a) through 2(c) at this time. In the event that a bridging claim is allowed, it is Applicant's intention to reintroduce the species of Claims 6 through 12 into this application.

As the present amendment is agreed by the Examiner to overcome the pending claim rejection, all presently-pending claims now define patentable subject matter. Prompt allowance and issuance of such claims are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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